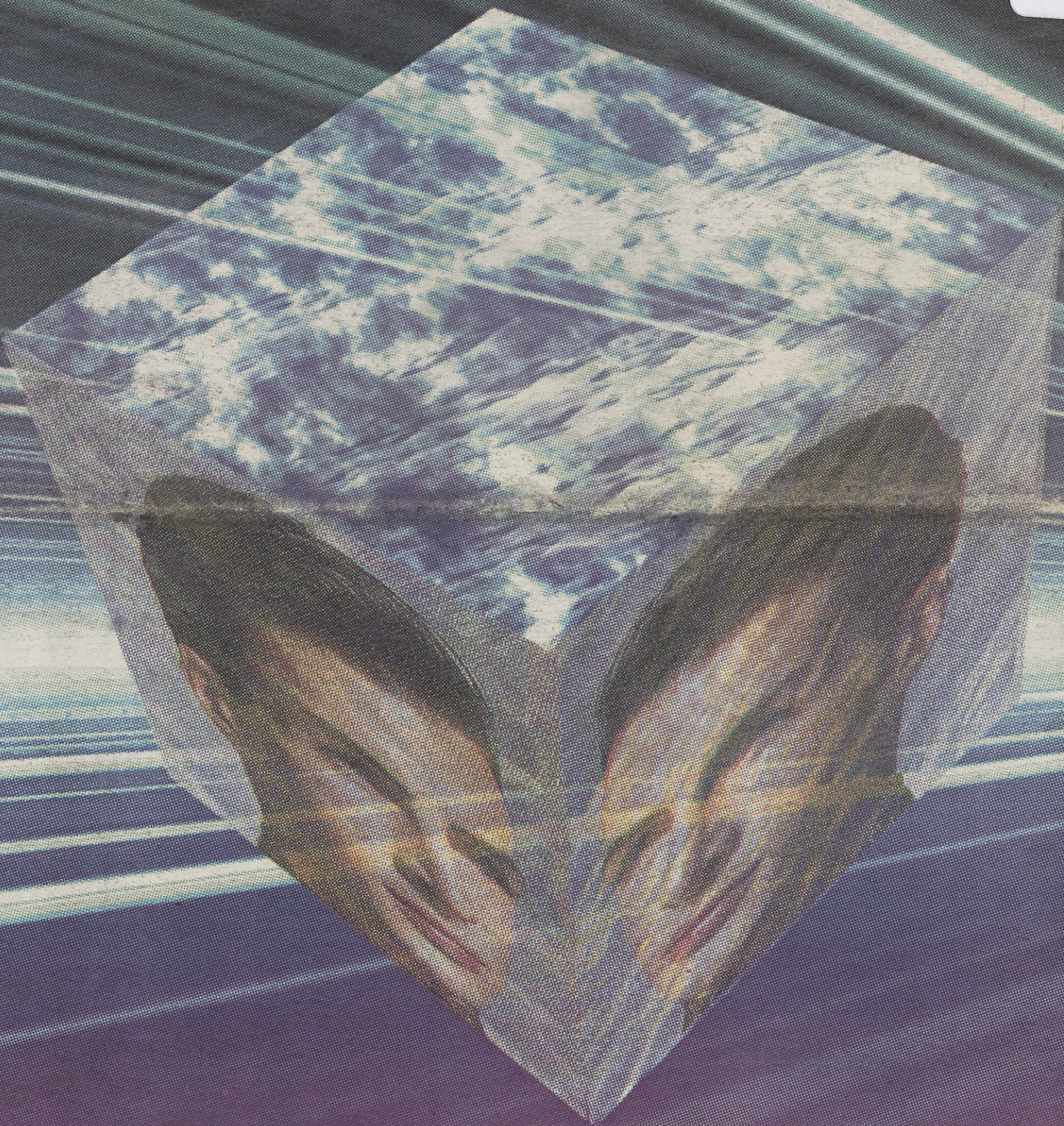


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## Appreciation Brunch

Dear Editor:

Positive Gourmet held its annual Christmas Awards Ceremony at the home of Executive Director Thomas Vasques on December 21. Positive Gourmet presented its "Angel" award to 17 recipients for outstanding charitable work or contributions.

Afterwards, Christmas gift packages were given out with free dinner at the Hometown Buffet and a \$20 Safeway gift certificates were delivered to 50 clients. The CGNIE/Fairy Godfather Fund donated the Safeway gift certificates.

As Positive Gourmet enters its sixth year, it continues to offer assistance to its clients to pay for prescription drugs and vitamins, and liquid nutritional products. Other services include free haircut at home, notary, attorney and social service referrals, free grocery delivery on an emergency basis, and, shower chair and medical supplies.

Positive Gourmet would like to thank volunteers and contributors for their philanthropic efforts during 1997.

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Sincerely,  
Tom Vasques/Larry Trim

## Pleasantly Surprised

(The following letter was sent to MGW's Restaurant Reviewer, Randy Hartly.)

Dear Mr. Hartley & MGW Staff: Just a note to say "Thank You!" for the very nice mention of David Berkley Fine Wines & Specialty Foods and use of the Photo of David in the January 1 issue (Page 7) of MGW.

We were pleasantly surprised to see the article! Thank you for thinking of us!  
Warm Regards,  
Beverly Berkley  
David Berkley Fine Wines/  
Specialty Foods  
Pavillions

## From Russia, Impatiently

(The following letter is presented exactly as it was received; no photo enclosed.)  
Diar sirs!

I am Michael from Moscow city. I am 25 old lad. I very much want to have one closed friend for myself. Help me please in this matter and publish my announcement, picture and address in your edition. I have no money to pay for it but maybe you can help me?

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With big hope I remain your  
Michael

## Stockton Writes

Dear Editor:

Thank you for a great newspaper, which comes to me very promptly through the mail. I'm glad we can receive MGW and get news about national as well as nearby gay and lesbian events and situations.

Here in Stockton one thing that amazes me is the growing number of pink triangles and rainbow bumper sticker I see. Wonderful!

The common perception is that there are no gay/lesbian/bisexual people in Stockton. The reality is that if Stockton has 200,000 people and if 1%-10% of the population is gay there must be 2,000-20,000 gay people here. Who are they?

True, Stockton doesn't have a lesbian resource center. We don't have a building or an office or a storefront where we can hold meeting and events, lend out books and videos, and allow gay teens to drop in. We don't even have a newspaper any more.

What we do have are these: 2 phone number in the yellow pages under "Gay and Lesbian Organization"; the "Court," that is, the Imperial San Joaquin Delta Empire (ISJDE), with coronations drag shows, picnics and pool parties; Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) which holds monthly meetings where 30-50 lesbian and gay friendly people meet to socialize, network listen to a program and share in support circles; and the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) which meets with and educates school boards, superintendents and teachers so tat our schools

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will provide a safe environment for lesbian and gay students.

While 2,000-20,000 gay Stocktonians hide fearfully in the closet, a few dozen gay and lesbian activists and straight supporters are out, getting acquainted, known, educating the public, mingling with straights and breaching down barriers, advancing out civil rights and bringing the beginnings of justice and equality.

We need more people who are out. Stocktonians, if you are bold enough to have a rainbow bumper sticker on your car, please connect. Get in touch with ISJDE, PFLAG, and GLSEN. Join. Help. Together we can do more than we can alone. Phone today. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Kathelen Johnson

## Get our faces known...

### Vacancies County of Sacramento

The following commissions and committees have vacancies as listed below. Applications are available at all public libraries and the office of Cindy H. Turner, Clerk, Board of Supervisors. This list may be accessed through the Sacramento County Bulletin Board Systems (BBS) by dialing 441-0122 or 441-1135, and at Internet address: <http://www.co.sacramento.ca.us>.

Commission/Committee	Opens/Closes	Type of Member
Advisory Board on Alcohol & Drug Programs	Open Filing	10 public members
Agricultural Advisory Committee	Open Filing	5 farming/livestock reps.
Antelope Comm. Planning Advisory Council	1/26/98 - 2/6/98	3 residents of area (nom by 4 <sup>th</sup> District Supervisor)
Antelope Comm. Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing	1 residents of area (nom by 4 <sup>th</sup> District Supervisor)
Arden-Arcade Comm. Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing	3 residents of area
Assessment Appeals Board	Open Filing	2 member seat
Assessment Appeals Board	1/12/98 - 1/23/98	1 member seat
Board of Plumbing Examiners	1/26/98 - 2/6/98	1 Union journeyman
Building Board of Appeals	Open Filing	1 plumbing contractor 1 mechanical contractor 1 architect 1 electrical contractor 1 plumbing contractor 1 residential contractor 1 mechanical engineer
Building Board of Appeals	Open Filing	4 residents of area (nom by Adv. Council 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dist. Sup)
Carmichael Community Planning	Open Filing	1 religious community member
Children's Coalition	Open Filing	1 resident of area
Cordova Comm. Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing	(nom by 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Dist. Supervisors)
Consumes Area Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing	5 residents of area
County Service Area #4B	Open Filing	2 residents of area
County Service Area #4C	Open Filing	3 residents of area
County Service Area #4D- Herald/Alta Mesa	Open Filing	4 residents of area
Delta Citizens Municipal Advisory Council	Open Filing	1 residents of area (nom by 5th Dist. Supervisor)
Elk Grove Comm. Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing	2 residents of area
Florin-Elder Creek Cemetery Dist.	Open Filing	1 resident (nom by 2nd & 5th Dist. Supervisors)
Franklin/Laguna Area Community Advisory Council	Open Filing	2 residents of area (nom by 2nd & 5th Dist. Supervisor)
Human Services Coordinating Council	Open Filing	1 member at-large seats
Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Advisory Board	Open Filing	1 consumer/parent children's org
North Highland/Foothill Farms Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing	6 residents of area (nom by Sups. Of Dist. 1, 3 & 4)
Paratransit, Inc., Board of Directors	Open Filing	1 user rep.
Physically Handicapped Appeals Bd.	1/26/98 - 2/6/98	1 physically handicapped seat
Public Health Advisory Bd.	Open Filing	2 community members Recreation and
Parks Commission	Open Filing	1 area resident
Rio Linda/Elverta Comm. Planning Advisory	Open Filing	4 residents of area
Sacramento County History/ Science Comm	1/26/98 - 2/6/98	1 seat (nom by Dist. 1 Supervisor)
Sacramento County Mental Health Board	Open Filing	1 family members 1 consumer member 1 public interest 1 member
Sac. Environmental Commission	Open Filing	4 residents of area
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# UNDER THE DOME

## Hate Sites Proliferate On The Web

Philadelphia Inquirer

Click your Web browser a couple of times and an advertisement for a ghastly game turns up on your computer screen. It's called "Concentration Camp Manager," and the object is to round up Jews. Good players get promoted by Hitler. Click again: A picture of Hitler flanked by swastikas emerges. A scratchy tape of one of his speeches uploads automatically and plays.

According to a study by the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, more than 600 such sites are the Internet and more show up each week. The study shows that number of hate sites has quadrupled since 1997. Some of what the watchdog groups say are the most sophisticated and virulent sites have their origins in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The pattern has prompted some watchdog groups and schools to seek software that filters out such sites, much like the filters used to block pornography.

A web site can be maintained for as little as 75 cents a day and the potential audience numbers in the millions worldwide. Such sites also market merchandise and Aryans-only dating services. Through the use of encryption technology and special passwords, hate group sympathizers can communicate in secret.

School officials worry about the easy access: A student can surf through hundreds of hate sites by simply entering "Nazi" or "white supremacist" on a search engine - a standard feature on most computers that can scan the Internet at lightning speed. Concern about student exposure led the Abington, Pa., School District to install filters on the 200 computers in its schools. Other schools are doing the same. ▼

## Domestic Partner Law a Success

Six months after the City of San Francisco began implementing a law requiring companies doing business with the City to comply with domestic partner benefits policy, the city's Human Rights Commission (HRC) has declared it a success. To date, 1270 City contractors now offer the benefits to their employees. Since the ordinance requires that companies comply in all of its locations throughout the U.S., approximately 642,757 employees now receive equal benefits. "This historic piece of legislation has had a far-reaching impact on the number of businesses providing [these] benefits to their employees and the number of insurance providers across the country offering domestic partner coverage. ▼

## School in Uproar After Teacher Reveals She's Gay

Associated Press

A high school science teacher's revelation that she is a lesbian has drawn strong criticism from parents who want the woman, who prefers not to be identified, and one of her supporters fired. The teacher came out during a week of campus lessons about diversity. More than half of the school staff work pink triangles which read, "Someone you care about is lesbian or gay."

Parents complained to the school principal and to the school district. A group calling itself PIPE, People Interested in Public Education, has also filed complaints against the principal and teachers. Carl Debro, the other teacher who is a target of parents complaints, denounced the group's actions. Debro is being investigated by the district for alleged "unprofessional conduct," "misuse of class time" and showing disrespect for the race and sexual orientation of the parents who complained. Debro, who says he sometimes discusses sexual orientation and race in his social studies class, is heterosexual and African American.

## Public Scandals

### Gays and Lesbians Face State-Condoned Violence and Legalized Abuse in Romania

In Romania, gays and lesbians are routinely denied some of the most basic human rights guaranteed by international law. Despite recent amendments to the criminal code provisions relating to homosexual conduct, gays and lesbians continue to be arrested and convicted if their sexual relations become public knowledge. They face frequent physical abuse and harassment by law enforcement officials, as well as systematic discrimination in many walks of life.

A provision dating from the era of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, Article 200, paragraph 1 of the Romanian penal code punished "sexual relations with a person of the same sex" with one to five years imprisonment. The Council of Europe, upon admitting Romania in 1993, insisted that the law be repealed. After three years delay, during which homosexuality became a fiercely contested political issue, the Romanian parliament in 1996, passed a new version of the law, punishing homosexual acts "committed in public, or causing public scandal," with one to five years imprisonment. New language also criminalized "inciting or encouraging a person to the practice of sexual relations between persons of the same sex, as well as propaganda or association or any act of proselytism," with the same punishment.

The Romanian government presents these new provisions as a liberalization. However, they not only preserve but expand the pretexts under which persons suspected of homosexuality can be arrested and convicted. The broad reference to "public scandal" ensures that private acts need only become known to instigate legal reprisal. It effectively denies gays and lesbians equal access to privacy.

The new language ensures that even speech sympathetic to homosexuality, as well as meeting places, organizations, publications, and demonstrations, may be subject to criminal prosecution. Gays and lesbians are denied the rights to expression, association, and assembly: any public manifestation of homosexuality is punishable under the new provisions. Effectively, being gay or lesbian, or having a public identity as such, is now against the law. ▼

## Utah Politician Bent on Repealing Law

After months of political maneuvering begun months ago by Salt Lake City Councilman Bryce Jolley to prevent city anti-discrimination law from applying to issues of sexual orientation, the politician is now trying to repeal the recently passed policy. Last month, the council voted 5-2 to approve the law, making the city the first in Utah with such a policy. But on January 5, the terms of three members who voted for the law expired.

Jolley will attempt to repeal the law at the January 12 meeting. Both sides have one councilman-elect vowing allegiance, with the third, Roger Thompson, not saying where he stands. Jolley claims his reasons have nothing to do with being anti-gay, but rather that the law is poorly written and singles out gay people for protections all people should receive. But according to University of Utah law professor Ed Firmage,

Jolley is just milking a hot issue, and says, "I only see political [not legal] problems with the law passed." Charlene Orchard, chairwoman of the Utah Human Rights Coalition agrees. "There's a reason we still need to try to protect people who are different. In a perfect world, we could say discrimination shouldn't happen to anyone [due to sexual orientation], but it does. ▼



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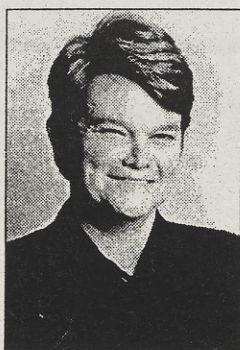
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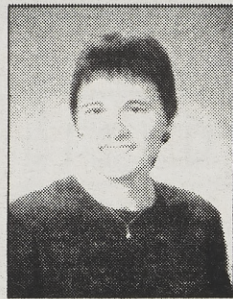
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# LOCAL NEWS

## California's First Gay/Lesbian Wedding Showcase

A collaboration of gay and lesbian-owned and -operated businesses has announced "Partners For Life," a gay and lesbian wedding showcase opening Sunday, Feb. 8, 1998, 11 AM to 4 PM, at the Sequoia Conference Center in Buena Park, California. The event will allow same-sex couples direct access to a wide variety of gay-friendly and supportive businesses to help plan commitment or re-commitment ceremonies. This unique showcase will have gay owned and operated businesses along with a select group of mainstream businesses who are already established as "gay freindly" or desire to become more accessible to this new target market.

The exhibits will include florists, invitations, formal wear, caterers, ministers, reception suites, photographers, D.J.s, jewelers and wedding registries. There will be a full runway fashion show featuring the latest in formal attire.

## 2nd Annual Business Women's Conference

by Fox Colby  
MGW/Staff

San Francisco Mayor, Willie Brown, has declared January 22, 1998 'The Official Day of the Business Women's Success Conference', in conjunction with the annual meeting, which will be held in San Francisco at the Downtown Marriott Hotel, located off Union Square, at 55 4th Street, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Topic discussions include, "Change Your Consciousness; Change Your Life", "Selling with Integrity" and "Triumph of the Square Pegs; Turning Your Uniqueness into Success"; blended with a luncheon, workshops, networking, health talk and concluding the day with a raffle.

The conference is designed to expose women to ideas and insights shared by internationally recognized women seen on the cutting edge, shaping trends and patterns for today's working woman. Following in this year's theme, Women Supporting Women, founder and producer Gloria Gallo writes, "We will emphasize community, and the value of importance of giving and receiving support."

This year's scheduled keynote speakers are, best selling author/singer, Naomi Judd; New York Times best selling author, Sharon Drew Morgen; and CEO Rainier Associates, Roberta Palm Bradley. Tapes will be available at the concert, if you are unable to attend and would like information on purchasing tapes, you may call (415) 491-0125. The San Francisco Marriott Hotel is offering special room rates for concert participants, for information call, (415) 896-1600. ▼



Gay and Lesbian Sierrans hike up Hawk's Peak (elevation 10,023) South of Lake Tahoe and enjoy a great view. Peak can be seen in background.

## Face: The Exhibition

QCC (Queer Cultural Center) and SOMAR Gallery present Face, an exhibition of queer expression and self-representation, open to LGBT artists based in San Francisco. Artists may submit up to 4 works for consideration, on one slide per 2-D work; a second slide will be accepted for 3-D work. Video, film and Installation work is not accepted; 2-D work may be no more than 4'x4', and weigh no more than 50 pounds.

Face will be shown from June 11 - 27, 1998 at the South of Market Cultural Center Gallery (SOMAR), 934 Brannan Street, San Francisco, CA. QCC will receive hand-delivered work at SOMAR Gallery, Friday, June 5 through Sunday, June 7, 1998 between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. No shipped work will be accepted. SOMAR carries limited liability, artists may wish to purchase insurance for the exhibition. Deadline for receiving slides is March 1, 1998, results will be mailed no later than March 15. For further information, or to obtain entry form, contact QCC at 540 Alabama Street, #322, San Francisco, CA 94110. Telephone, (415) 626-8724 ▼

## Gay Valentines Weekend

February 13-15 is Gay Valentines Weekend at the Edgewater Resort in Kelseyville. Check in and receive a personal welcome from Sandra West and Lora Tell, owners of the resort. Meet and greet new and old friends at the Clubhouse for a wine and cheese party. Dinner Out? There are excellent restaurants within walking distance. Sleep in late and then enjoy coffee and pastries in the Clubhouse. During the day play parlor games like Scrabble, Gay Monopoly, Poker and a game of Hearts. Before enjoying a roast chicken dinner with all the fixings start with appetizers and cocktail punch. Then bring your favorite CD and dance, dance, dance. After that, crash at the pajama party in the warm and cozy Clubhouse. Bring your air mattress, pillow and sleeping bag. Then wake up to a pancake breakfast with eggs, sausage, juice and coffee.

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# MEDIA WATCH

## Same-Sex Marriage

### Part I

The American Psychoanalytic Association (APA) endorsed Lambda Legal Defense and Education Funds's (LLDEF) Marriage Resolution, which maintains that states should not interfere with couples of the same gender who wish to marry. Marvin Margolis, M.D., Ph.D., president of the APA, expressed his enthusiastic support for the resolution. Ralph Roughton, M.D., chair of the Association's Committee of Issues on Homosexuality added "[A]s psychoanalysts, we are proud to join the many prominent national organizations and individuals which support the efforts for gay and lesbian civil rights in the area of marriage and family..."

### Part II

The Hawaii Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling that prevented eight state lawmakers from intervening in the case of Baehr v. Miike, which led to a decision allowing same-sex couples the right to marry. The case itself, which was decided a year ago in favor of three couples seeking the right to marry, is currently on appeal to the same Supreme court which ruled on the lawmakers' appeal. If the court had found in favor of the state representatives, it might have jeopardized the landmark decision which found that denying marriage licenses to couples of the same sex amounted to unconstitutional gender discrimination. The lawyer representing the eight states, Jay Sekulow, is an attorney with the American Center for Law and Justice, which is closely affiliated with Pat Robertson and the Christian Coalition.

## Alameda Teacher Cleared

The California state teacher licensing panel cleared Victoria Forrester, a teacher in Alameda, of any wrongdoing in discussing the April coming-out episode of "Ellen." The classroom conversation had been started by a student, and she steered the conversation into a discussion about people who are different. A parent had requested the school board to fire the teacher and revoke her license, after his 11 year old daughter had come home in tears, claiming his right to control what his daughter heard in school had been violated. Attorney Kelli Evans stated, "prohibiting children from hearing ideas with which they don't agree is not public education." ▼

## Lambda Legal Looks Ahead to New Year

Celebrating its 25th anniversary in 1998, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund (LLDEF) has announced that the new year will see a record number of lesbian, gay and AIDS-related concerns in the country's highest courts. "The Supreme Court and other high-level courts are expected to address employment, the military, disability protections, family and other fundamental constitutional issues for lesbians, gay men and people with HIV in 1998," said LLDEF Legal Director Beatrice Dohrn.

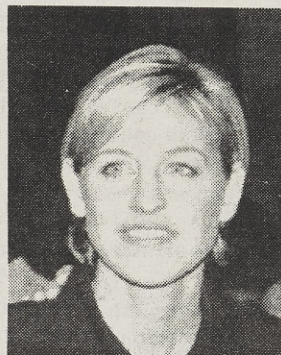
"In addition to the Hawaii high court same-sex marriage ruling, LLDEF expects to see the Shahrar job discrimination case come before the U.S. Supreme Court as well as another employment-related case, Oncale v. Sundowner Offshore Services, Inc., which urges the federal sexual harassment law be applied without regard to sex or sexual orientation. Info: Peg Byron LLDEF at (212) 809-8585, ext. 2309. ▼

## ELLEN WATCH • ELLEN WATCH

### Ellen DeGeneres Receives Award

The American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California gave its Bill of Rights Award to MCA Records President Jay Boberg and actress Ellen DeGeneres. The award recognizes the efforts of those who support the liberties embodied in the Bill of Rights. The ACLU presented the awards at its annual Bill of Rights Dinner held in December 1997.

The Award was presented to the actress by openly lesbian Los Angeles City Council member Jackie Goldberg. In the presentation of the award Goldberg thanked the actress for



"...raising the self-esteem of not only lesbian and gay youth, but of all young people who deserve authentic and admirable role models." In her remarks DeGeneres said, "I want to stress this is not about me, it's about what I represent. My decision to be honest parallels anyone in history who has stood up for his or her rights." She offered an analogy to help those who feel her show "Ellen" has become "too gay". "I think there is a digestive process going on. I offered soci-

ety something that was not on the menu and even looking at it was upsetting to a lot of people...Here's the thing: it's like traveling to a foreign country and you eat something and get sick. It doesn't mean the food is bad. It just means it's new to your system. That's why I like to think of my show as Mylanta. It makes it a little more soothing for those who are willing to accept everything on the Menu." ▼

### Top Newsmakers for 1997

The Video Information Show Report Study, which examines major television news magazines, placed DeGeneres third, with 283 stories, behind only Princess Diana and Jonbenet Ramsey. Readers of the Philadelphia Daily News were evenly split between DeGeneres and Princess Diana in voting on "TV that rocked our world."

In its "Man of the Year" issue, Ellen's coming out episode got Time's pick for the second best television event of 1997, highlighting the comedic quality of the episode. People Magazine placed DeGeneres among its 25 Most Interesting People of the Year.

Ellen ranks third on TV Guide's overall list of top-10 performers — "...a person of strong personality and great accomplishment." According to TV Guide, Ellen's coming out "did more than resuscitate a fading sitcom; it turned DeGeneres into a pop culture pioneer. As the editors noted: "Love her or loathe her, you have to admit that Ellen DeGeneres kicked her career into another echelon with those three little words — 'Yep, I'm gay.'" ▼

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Traditional IRAs vs. Roth IRAs

### Traditional IRA

Must have Earned Income. Lesser of 100% of earnings or \$2,000 (\$4,000 per couple). May be Tax Deductible. If single and AGI \$30,000 or less, full deduction available. If AGI is \$30,000 to \$40,000, partial deduction only. If married and AGI is \$50,000 or

less, full deduction. If AGI between \$50,000 to 60,000, partial deduction only. Distributions are fully taxable as ordinary income. Distributions are mandatory after age 70 1/2.

### Roth IRA

Must have Earned Income. Lesser of 100% of earnings or \$2,000 (\$4,000 per couple). Not Tax Deductible. If single, AGI can't be more than \$95,000 for full contribution or \$110,000 for partial contribution. If married, AGI can't be more than \$150,00 for full contribution or \$160,00 for partial contribution. Tax-free distributions for five year old Roth IRAs and its owner is 59. Distributions are never mandatory.

If you fall within the income limits you can contribute up to \$2,000 per year into your Roth IRA account. Millions of taxpayers can now benefit from the ROTH IRA whereas with the traditional

IRA the tax benefits are more difficult to obtain if you are a middle-income worker. Only the Roth IRA provides a retirement nest egg with no taxes due when you withdraw your retirement savings. That is not the case for your 401(k) savings, your traditional IRA, your social security payments or your employer sponsored pension plan.

You can even convert your current IRA into a Roth IRA provided that your AGI is \$100,000 or less. The amount transferred from your current IRA to your Roth IRA may be taxable, but is not subject to the 10% penalty. If you convert your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA in 1998, you can spread your taxes due on your traditional IRA over a four-year period, thus minimizing your annual tax bite. Once your conversion to a Roth IRA is completed your retirement nest egg grows tax-free.

Loophole Allows IRA Withdrawal Without Penalty.

Generally, funds withdrawn from a retirement plan before you reach age 59 are subject to taxation PLUS a 10% tax penalty on the amount withdrawn. One way to avoid this 10% penalty is by first converting your IRA to a Roth IRA. You must then withdraw funds from your Roth IRA before there are any earnings in this new Roth IRA account to avoid the 10% penalty. This conversion loophole may not exist for long. ▼

## Mutual Funds as an Investment Strategy

Mutual fund investors don't seem to be bothered by the ups and downs of the worldwide stock markets.

Currently, mutual fund assets total over \$5 trillion in stocks, bonds and money market accounts. Individuals, companies, pension funds and some governments view mutual funds as one of the best ways to invest in today's financial markets. For all mutual fund investors, mutual funds offer liquidity, professional investment management, affordability, and diversification. Whether you are a small investor or a large investor, whether you are a conservative investor or a high risk one, there is a mutual fund suited for just about every investor.

A mutual fund is a pool of stocks or bonds, sometimes both, owned on a proportionate basis by everyone who has invested in the fund. All investment gains as well as fund expenses are shared proportionately by the fund owners, called shareholders.

It is easy to invest in a mutual fund which may be the reason why they are the number one investment choice for so many investors. An investor has only to complete an application and indicate his fund choice based on his investment objective. That application along with the amount to be invested is given to the financial professional that is working with the investor. The amount to be invested can be remitted by check or wire transfer, as a means of convenience.

Once a mutual fund account is established, each investor receives an account statement regularly, often monthly. An investor can add additional investment sums at anytime, if he so desires. He can also withdraw his investment or a portion of it easily.

Another reason investors are attracted to mutual funds are their fees. It costs an investor less to invest in a mutual fund pool of stocks and bonds than if he tried to duplicate that same portfolio of stocks and bonds individually. All mutual funds, however, have asset management fees. Some mutual funds impose fees when you invest in them or redeem your shares.

It is important to investigate mutual fund fees before investing. It is just as important to assess a fund's investment performance minus all such fees to determine if a fund has a good track record. An acceptable net investment performance record (investment return minus all fees) for a mutual fund should be your investment objective when selecting a fund. Keep in mind, however, that past performance is not a guarantee of a fund's future performance. Also note that mutual fund principal will fluctuate and maybe worth more or less than the original investment when redeemed. ▼

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## Healthy Eating

Randy Hartley  
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Now that the holidays are over, we are all rushing back to the health club and watching the way we eat. Being an ardent food lover who believes in the use of butter and olive oil in cooking, I find myself with the difficult task of having to review my eating and exercise habits also.

Much of the process of looking fit is what we eat and how we exercise our body. You can't do one without the other if you really want to feel and look good.

In recent years, research has shown that food has a profound effect on our health. High blood cholesterol is a risk factor in the development of heart disease, while low dietary fiber has been linked to colon cancer. However you will find more good news than bad, because studies show that eating the right foods can help prevent disease.

Recent studies showed that people with heart disease could reduce clogging of the arteries by eating less saturated fat, more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, and by exercising daily. Vitamin E appears to reduce the risk of cataracts and some cancers, vitamin C has been linked to lower rates of lung and colon cancer, and folic acid helps maintain a healthy cardio-vascular system. If you want more information on vitamins and herbs visit Nancy Yilk, Sacramento's natural health guru at OPTIMUM HEALTH, 3220 Riverside Blvd, 443-6795. Nancy can administer a free Mayo Clinic test that will give you all the information you need about your eating habits and how it affects your health.

Of course, diet is only one factor. Getting enough exercise is very important; so are regular medical checkups. However, by eating the right foods you can increase your chances of living a long, healthy life.

Until new research resolves the controversial issues, the following guidelines reflect a consensus of current opinion.

1. Reduce intake of fats and oils
2. Eat more fish, less red meat
3. Load up on fruits and vegetables
4. Pile on the pasta, grains and beans
5. Eat eggs, cheese, and milk in moderation
6. Go easy on sugar
7. Watch the salt and alcohol

I know of few restaurants which will be able to accommodate the above to the letter. MUMS and other vegetarian type restaurants come close. In reality, few of us can maintain a healthy diet and daily exercise on a regular basis. My advice is to not be hard on yourself. Let yourself go once in a while. Each one of us is different. Eventually, you will find a happy medium that accomplishes your goals. ▼

## Chicken and Vegetable Stir-Fry

The following recipe for Chicken and Vegetable Stir-Fry is a good example of how good food can taste while being low in calories, fat, cholesterol and sodium and still has a good protein, fiber and vitamin content.

### Chicken and Vegetable Stir-Fry

Serves 4

- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1/2 cup chicken stock (reduced-sodium)
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce (reduced-sodium)
- 1-1/2 tablespoons canola oil
- 2-3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh ginger
- 2 sweet red or green peppers, thinly sliced
- 2 carrots, thinly sliced
- 2 stalks celery, thinly sliced
- 4 ounces mushrooms, sliced
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

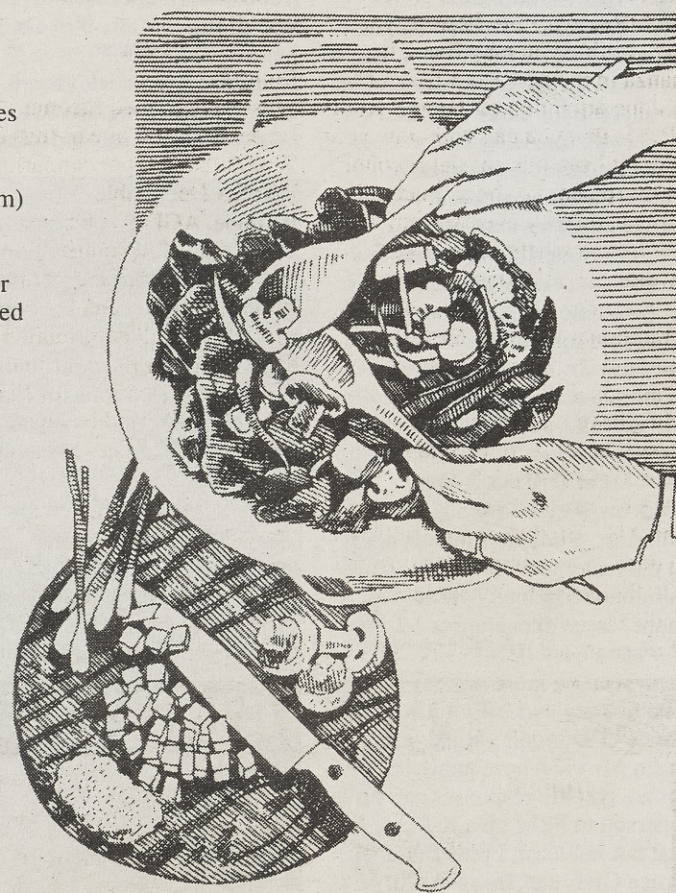
Wash then dry the chicken breasts with paper towels, and cut off any fat. Holding a sharp knife at an angle cut each chicken breast across into very thin slices.

In a bowl, blend cornstarch, stock and soy sauce. Heat oil in a wok or nonstick skillet over high heat until a piece of pepper sizzles when added to the oil. Add the garlic and ginger, cook, stirring constantly with a wooden spatula or stirrer, 1 to 2 minutes or until lightly browned and fragrant. Add the chicken slices and cook, stirring constantly, 3 to 4 minutes or until browned and cooked through. Transfer chicken to a bowl.

Allow the oil to reheat, then add the vegetables and cook, stirring constantly, about 4 minutes, until softened and lightly browned. Return chicken and juices to wok or pan and stir in the cornstarch mixture. Cook, stirring, until liquid comes to a boil and thickens slightly. Season with pepper.

Serve with fluffy white rice and sprinkle with chopped green onions.

To make your rice fluffy. Heat 1/2 tablespoon canola oil over medium heat, add 2 cups of white rice. Stir until rice is hot, 1-2 minutes. Add 4 cups of boiling water, stir and cover. Reduce heat to medium low and cooked for 15 minutes without stirring. ▼



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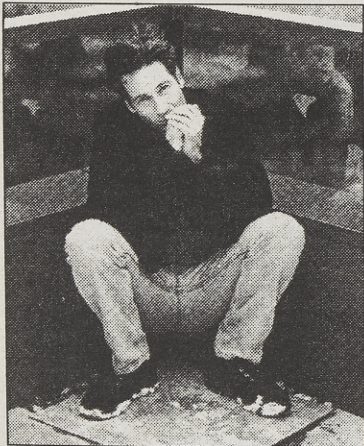
## Looking Ahead at 1998

by Gerald Semas  
MGW/Staff

**T**hough I don't make New Year resolutions, I've compiled a list of changes I'd most like to see in 1998. A new haircut for **Joel Schumacher**, I'd even settle for a hair-STYLE! Eyebrows for **Andy Bell** or Errasure fame. A contract for **Jason Patric** to make all his movies with his shirt off. A Playgirl centerfold featuring **Joe Rogan**, the electrician on NBC's News Radio. Media silence on the trials and tribulations of **Robert Downey Jr.** for at least one year. Acting lessons for **Alicia Silverstone**, **John Cusack** and **Keanu Reeves**. A cancellation slip for **Conan O'Brien**. That **Andrew Dice Clay** rolls into oblivion. Shoulders and an allergy to polyester for *Village Voice* columnist **Michael Musto**. No more screen appearances by **Parker Posey** (Party Girl). She's been seen on more screens than Titanic previews. A pink slip for **Rosie O'Donnell's** Band leader **John McVie** whose annoying mono-syllabic responses can drive a person to blow up a K-Mart. And last but not least, I pray that the **Spice Girls** and **Hanson** will be on the same flight when it enters the Bermuda Triangle. ▼▼▼

### FILM...

The year ahead in film offers an exciting and interesting array of projects. This summer will bring *The X-Files* movie which promises to resolve the season-ending cliff hanger airing in May. The film stars series regulars **David Duchovny**, **Gillian Anderson**, **John Neville**, **Mitch Pileggi** and



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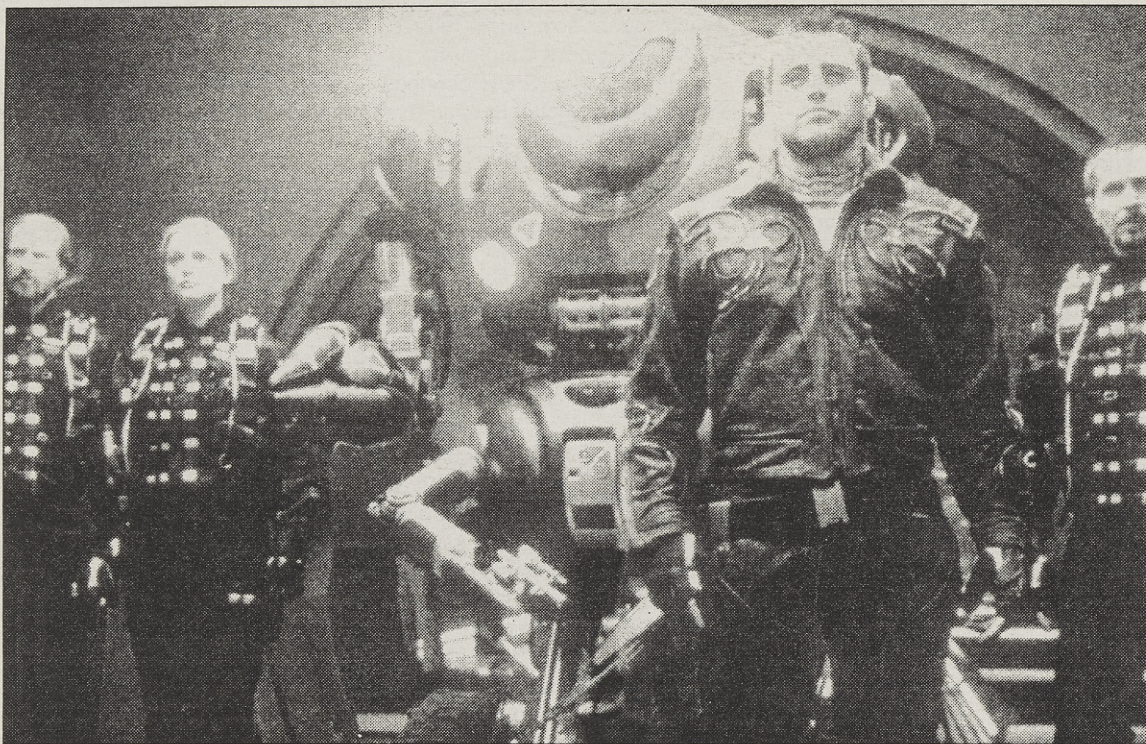
will also star **Terry O'Quinn** (Millennium) and Oscar Winner **Martin Landau**. ▼▼▼ February brings the film version of **Virginia Woolf's** novel *Mrs. Dalloway*. **Vanessa Redgrave** stars under the direction of **Marleen Gorris** (Antonia's Line). ▼▼▼ **Matt LeBlanc** (Friends) hopes to go from TV fame to silver screen stardom when *Lost In Space* opens in April. LeBlanc stars as Major Don West in this special effects filled remake of the old campy TV series. **Gary**

**Oldman** (Prick Up Your Ears) plays the sinister Dr. Smith and **William Hurt** (Kiss of the Spider Woman) portrays Professor John Robinson. Danger Will Robinson!!!! Stay off of Dr. Smith's lap. ▼▼▼ **Matthew Broderick** (Torch Song Trilogy) and **Doug Savant** (Melrose Place) star in **Roland**

his photography talents are discovered by a New York art dealer. The resulting fame naturally screws up his life in ways that only John Waters can visualize. ▼▼▼ **Sir Ian McKellan** will be seen as gay director James Whale, who directed **Boris Karloff** in the original *Frankenstein*, in this

*Moby Dick* starring **Patrick Stewart** (Jeffrey) as Captain Ahab. The four hour miniseries will air in the Spring and was directed by **Frank Roddam** (K2). And over at PBS, documentary mini-series producer **Ken Burns** is readying a documentary on **Frank Lloyd Wright**. ▼▼▼ A number of faces, both familiar and redone, will be returning to television this year. **Mary Tyler Moore** and **Valerie Harper** will

PBS affiliate WLIW is co-producing this project which looks at this talented woman who died of cancer 45 minutes after she married actor **Peter Zapp**. ▼▼▼ UPN adds Thursday night programming with a new weekly Science Fiction movie slot to debut this month. The network has committed to 36 original films for broadcast. Which does not include "Drag Queens In Outer Space". ▼▼▼

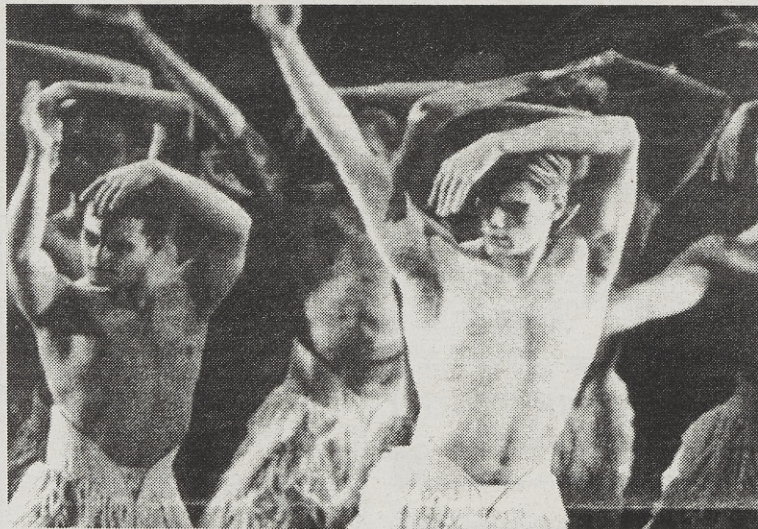


William Hurt, Heather Graham, Matt LeBlanc and Gary Oldman in "Lost in Space"

**Emmerich** and **Dean Devlin's** remake of *Godzilla* opening Memorial Day. ▼▼▼ **Todd Haynes'** (Safe) new film *Velvet Goldmine*, a look at 70s glamour rock is pushing for a June release. Another period piece looks at the dance club scene of the 80s in 54, as in Studio 54. ▼▼▼ In the wake of *Titanic's* success, you're in store for more ocean excitement. **Treat Williams** (The Ritz) is a hero while **Jason Flemyng** (Alive and Kicking) plays a mercenary in the soon to open *Deep Rising*. The big-budget thriller has a giant killer octopus attacking a cruise ship. Cross your fingers **Kathy Lee Gifford** is aboard. ▼▼▼ The film version of **Michael Crichton's** book, *Sphere*, was moved from a December opening to a February release. **Dustin Hoffman** (Tootsie) is a psychologist who, with marine biochemist **Sharon Stone** (Basic Instinct) and mathematician **Samuel L. Jackson**, explore an Alien vessel on the ocean floor. Much like the summer dud *Event Horizon*, the team confront their darkest fears. Lesbian Comic **Marga Gomez** appears in a small part as a character named Edmunds. Lets hope the alien isn't a Giant Clam who loves k.d. Lang music. ▼▼▼ Look for **John Waters' Pecker** to be out in August. John's not following in the steps of **Pee Wee Herman**, *Pecker* is the name of his next film. This one follows the adventures of a Baltimore teenager whose life changes when

year's *Gods & Monsters*. Gay author **Clive Barker** is the executive producer and **Brendan Fraser**, no stranger to gay roles, will co-star. Sorry guys, no loin cloth this time. ▼▼▼ Mark your calendars for March 23rd and start picking out Oscar party outfits now. That's the date for the Academy Awards. ▼▼▼ The 22nd edition of the famed San Francisco Intl. Lesbian & Gay Film Festival will take place June 19 - 28. Make your hotel reservations now and don't wait for the

reprise their characters from the old *Mary Tyler Moore Show* in a new series debuting in the Fall. ▼▼▼ **Tom Selleck** (In and Out) is scheduled to return to his alma matter of CBS with a new series this Spring. It's tentatively being called *The Closer*, and will feature Selleck as ad agency executive who always closes the deal. ▼▼▼ The scariest news of all is that **Roseanne** will back and this time with her own talk show. Who in their right mind would give this



Swan Lake from choreographer Matthew Bourne flies into Broadway

schedule to be announced.

### On Television...

**G**ay media mogul **Barry Diller**, the force behind QVC and the Home Shopping Network, intends to launch a new network this spring. The system is expected to offer 18 hours a day of programming. No! it won't be called the Accessories Channel. ▼▼▼ **David Letterman** takes the *Late Show* to the Winter Olympics in Nagano Japan. Are we going to see Dave's mom as a kimono wearing ace reporter? The *Rosie O'Donnell Show* will tape in Hollywood during the February sweeps period. ▼▼▼ The USA Network will premiere a new version of

woman her own talk show? Probably the same person who hired her to sing the national anthem. ▼▼▼ In May, NBC will bring a close to it's 9 year-old hit, *Seinfeld*. Despite offers of mucho bucks, **Jerry Seinfeld** wants to go out while he's ahead, returning to stand-up and new projects. Teenage girlfriends require a lot of one on one time you know. Also, in May the peacock network has the epic miniseries, *Merlin*, about the legendary magician of King Arthurs Court. And from the once in future king it goes to the future with a tele-film version of Aldous Huxley's 1932 classic *Brave New World*. ▼▼▼ A documentary on late chanteuse **Nancy LaMott** will air on PBS this year. New York

### In Theatre...

**J**ason Alexander (Sienfeld) is suppose to star in a new musical, based on **Paddy Chayevsky's** film *Marty*. The story of a simple loner who longs to better himself hopes to raise it's curtain in the Fall. ▼▼▼ **Tommy Tune** will star in a stage adaptation of the film *Easter Parade*. The show will feature songs by **Irving Berlin** and is scheduled for a Easter time opening. ▼▼▼ Summer should bring the modern musical fable *What the World Needs Now*, featuring the songs of **Burt Bacharach** and **Hal David**. ▼▼▼ A summer place is also in store for the stage version of the 1984 film *Footloose*. **Walter Bobbie** will direct the story of a youth who introduces dancing to a rural community whose fire and brimstone preacher has had it banned. Isn't that where **Strom Thurmond** was born? ▼▼▼

**Bernadette Peters** is rehearsing for a revival of **Irving Berlin's**, *Annie Get Your Gun* opening in the Spring. *Her Sunday In The Park With George*, costar, **Mandy Patinkin** will star in the new musical *Captains Courageous* based on the **Rudyard Kipling** novel. ▼▼▼ *The Skin of Our Teeth*, the new musical by **John Kander** and **Fred Ebb**, based on the **Thornton Wilder** play opens this year. ▼▼▼ A lot will be happening down-under in the Australian world of theatre. March 5th is the scheduled premiere date for **Peter Allen: The Boy from Oz**. The new \$3.2 million original musical opens in Sydney and features Aussie star **Todd McKenney** in the title role with **Chrissie Amphlett** (The Divinyls) as Judy Garland. The show features a cast of 30 performing 25 of Allen's songs which include "Arthur's Theme" and "I Go To Rio". ▼▼▼ *Steel City*, the sequel to the Australian dance revue *Tap Dogs* will opens in Sydney this month with a likely U.S. tour to follow. ▼▼▼ The Tony Award winning, *Rent* bows at Sydney's Theater Royal later in the year just before Christmas. ▼▼▼ Back in the states, **Nathan Lane** teams with **Paul Sand** in *Mizlansky/Zilinsky* which opens at the Manhattan Theatre on Jan. 27. ▼▼▼ The eagerly anticipated all male production of *Swan Lake* from choreographer **Matthew Bourne** flies into Broadway this April. The critically acclaimed production had a successful run in a few select cities, including L.A. last year. Don't miss it! ▼▼▼

### ENDQUOTE

"The first gay person I saw on TV was a hero of mine, Liberace. He was what every straight person wants to think Gay people are like — so camp, not at all threatening."

- The newly knighted Sir Elton John

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# OUT ON FILM

## Fighting Fire with Action Sequences

by Stefan Grünwedel  
(MGW/Staff)

**Firestorm.** Starring Howie Long, Scott Glenn, William Forsythe, Suzy Amis. Directed by Dean Semler. (89 min.)

**A**s a raging forest fire surrounds a group of helpless people, men and women in yellow uniforms parachute right into the middle of it all and attempt to lead the people to safety. They radio for a plane to swoop overhead and dump its load of fire retardant. Everyone gets covered with the wet red stuff, but the fire and heat suddenly vanish and they are saved from certain death.

For sheer excitement, fighting a forest fire certainly ranks right up there with any other dangerous occupation one can have. For aspiring screenwriter Chris Soth, it was smokejumpers—people who parachute into fires when all other means of access are blocked—who inspired him to tell their story in a film. Learning that convicts are routinely used to help fight out-of-control fires helped add a twist to his story.

Unfortunately, somewhere between his noble inspiration and Dean Semler's action/natural disaster film, something was lost. Instead of telling a compelling story of the lives of smokejumpers and their interaction with heat, flames, and helpful convicts, *Firestorm* ends up being a ho-hum thriller with unrealistic stunts, a questionably structured plot line, lots of gun action (how come those bullets never run out?), and

plenty of testosterone-talk.

Indeed, the fire might as well be a tornado, it's such a part of the movie's background. Although it's

(Forsythe), who convinces three other men to join him in the escape—and share of some loot hidden in a Swiss bank account.

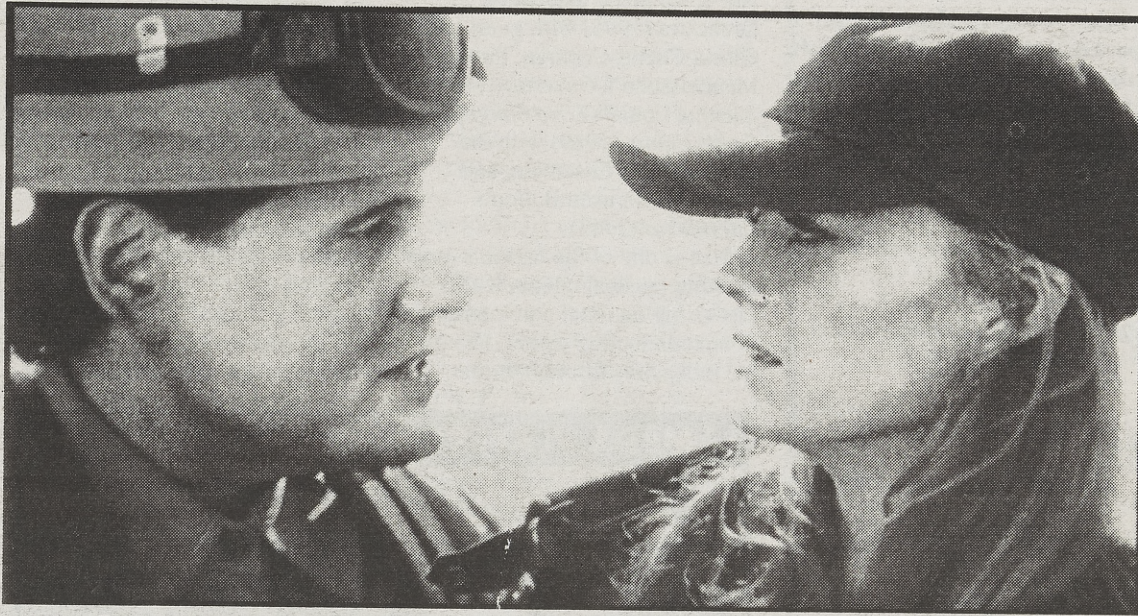
They pose as Canadian (don't ask why) fire fighters and attempt their own way out of the forest, when they stumble upon ornithologist Jennifer (Amis) and take

action figure (he's big and buff), but he lacks screen personality.

The actual firestorm in the film's title comes at the very end, as our heroes attempt to stop convict Shaye in his tracks. As one can imagine, mere bullets alone are not enough to kill him. No, Nature has to do him in instead.

little in the end. It was merely backdrop material for the shenanigans enacted before it.

*Firestorm* plays at United Artists Downtown Plaza, United Artists Market Square at Arden Fair, and Century Cinedome, but you may wish to avoid it altogether so you won't feel burned. For more information about the movie, visit its official Web page at [www.filmzone.com/foxmovies/firestorm](http://www.filmzone.com/foxmovies/firestorm). This site also includes information about real smokejumpers and a link to the National Smokejumpers Association Web site. ▼



William Forsythe takes Suzy Amis hostage amid a raging forest fire in *Firestorm*.

filmed in an amazingly realistic and terrifying way, its role is limited to that usually reserved for the ticking time bomb in action flicks. Few scenes actually show people putting the thing out.

After establishing the tough-guy qualities of smokejumpers Jesse (Long) and Wynt (Glenn), the film shows the clever prison break of ruthless convict Shaye

her hostage.

Although Amis describes her character as a "kick-ass chick," she acts too much like a helpless victim in her first scenes. Only later does she throw a few fast punches.

Long, whose face looks so chiseled you could chop a tree with it, acts as wooden as the trees that are on fire. He makes a good

After resurfacing (literally) and startling our heroes (and us) for one last, tension-filled fight, he finally meets the flames he's been skirting all along. How fitting—and how unbelievably set up in the movie.

Meanwhile, the firestorm comes and goes. What caused it exactly, and what damage it inflicted on the landscape, matter

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Comedian Back in Town Apo Hsu Leads Women's Philharmonic in San Francisco

SACWN will present comedian Suzanne Westenhoefer in concert on Saturday February 14 at 8:00 P.M. at the Crest Theater in downtown Sacramento. Westenhoefer is a well recognized comedian with appearances on HBO's Comic Relief as well as being the first lesbian to host her own HBO Special.

She is the lesbian comedian who has become a favorite with both the gay and strait community. She attributes this to being on the wave of a breaking trend: "Gay people are the Evian Water of the 90's", says Westenhoefer, her first show "Nothing in My Closet But My Cloths" deals with her sexuality in an open and humorous manner. She is booked as a headliner at the comedy chains, perhaps because her act covers the full spectrum of human experience. In her HBO Special she goes in search of a partner who is handy around the house, "There's none of this 'What's your sign?' stuff for me. It's can you wire a lamp, can you weed?"

Westenhoefer has been billed as the "Expert Lesbian" on the Rikki Lake Show and her HBO Special was nominated for the highest honor in cable programming, the Ace Award. Info: 451-8034. ▼

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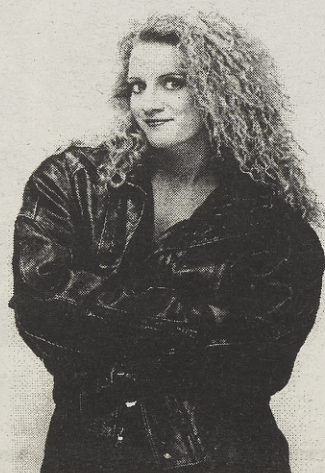
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Hsu is one of the nation's most exciting musical talents with a fast-rising national and international conducting career. She has led orchestras throughout the

United States, the Far East and in Russia. Maestra Hsu has led the National Symphony at the Kennedy Center as well as orchestras of Saint Louis, Hartford, Detroit, Oregon and Louisville. She also make regular guest conducting appearances with the National Symphony Orchestra of Taiwan.

The Women's Philharmonic is the only professional symphony dedicated to the promotion of women composers, conductors and performers. Winner of numerous ASCAP awards for "adventure-some programming," The Women's Philharmonic has a revolutionary goal - to change the face of what is played in every concert hall by incorporating works by women composers into standard

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# SOUND BITES

## Come Inside

Janet Jackson, *The Velvet Rope*, Virgin Records  
How appropriate the first musical sacrifice on harmonies be offered by a Virgin...Records that is. Miss Janet Jackson's latest release, *The Velvet Rope* is her best work to date. Janet raises the consciousness and stimulates all that is left exposed. The artist offers a range of moods, a inside look at what makes the songstress



tick, it's brilliant. *The Velvet Rope* carries a current of infectious rhythms known to follow Janet's every move, so please take your seats...the show's about to start. The minds canvas bold strokes of "Velvet Rope" sets the theme as we come inside becoming part of each beat. The easiness of "You" possesses splashes of hip-hop soul preluding her hit single "Got Til It's Gone", which drips of warm honey in all the right spots. "Go Deep" is vintage Janet, with a new improved sticker, it's party time. The mind bender gender of fender "Free Xone" opens it up, "Empty" travels across the musical void of oneness. A refreshing girl look at Rod Stewart's "Tonight's the Night" undresses till naked and vulnerable walk hat in hand. *The Velvet Rope* contains 22 arrangements that whip in the musical wind...harness the power...come inside Janet's *Velvet Rope*.

—Charles Turner

## 98 Style R&B

Brigitte McWilliams, *Too Much Woman*, Virgin Records America, Inc.

A powerfully soul album that's surprising rich in soul stirring har-



monies, that's Brigitte McWilliams 'Too Much Woman' in a nutshell. The all-star cast of musicians incorporated for this project are complimented by the distinctive lyrical R&B style Miss McWilliams brings to the mix. The seductive "Dawn" pulls you in as the acoustics lead the strings across the bedroom floor, as we share the "Morning". Strum through "It's Your Life" and identify your source of heat "Fire", 3-alarm sparks light the flame heating up the title song "Too Much Woman" (close you eyes and see Rufus) burns as it spins. What we have here are 14 tracks of highly recommend R&B that transmit to 14 different emotions sharing override as a side effect and all I want to do is play it

"Again".

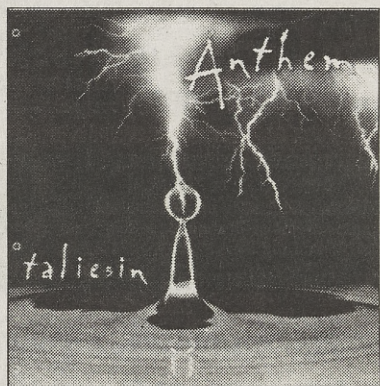
—Charles Turner

## Craftmasters

Taliesin, *Anthem*, Intersound

Lighting strikes for the third time as Taliesin's release *Anthem* hits the stores nationwide December 30th. Fuse rock, jazz, world beat, hip hop, and the classics, pack it into a music box and turn the handle to hear those sweet tunes playing to a statuesque ballerina's endless spin. The team of gifted artists transcend 10 songs into well crafted instrumental masterpieces. The adaptations which receive the Taliesin stamp of musical excellence are "Another Brick in the Wall", "Bohemian Rhapsody", "I want to Know What Love Is", "Secret World", "Layla (Prologue)", "Layla", "Hey Jude", "The Living Years", "We Don't Need Another Hero", and "Wrapped Around Your Finger". Each song is played flawlessly from beginning to end. Recommended.

—Charles Turner



## Lyrical Attack

Salt 'n Pepa, *Brand New*, London/Red Ant

Salt 'n Pepa spice up the dance floor once again with their pinch of this and a dash of that, mix in some Spin and "Brand New", their latest release on London Records/Red Ant Entertainment label. The points have been rounded and the edges have been smoothed, expanding the range of appeal. "Brand New" takes fans to the next level. The boom begins with their hit single "R U Ready", a jump start bass riffed jam. Explore love's fairytale "Do Me Right" grab that bottom and feel happily ever after. "Image" is a strong message of defining perceptions back dropped by some razor sharp funk. The ladies do a lyrical neck snap on "Knock Knock" as they dissect with the skill of a surgeon. The Slick Rick "Gitty Up" and butt-kickin title track "Brand New" keep the 13 tracks spinning. Ladies I like your new sound.

—Charles Turner



## Nice Start

Abra Moore, *Strangest Places*, Arista Austin  
The first time I saw Abra Moore she was opening for Col-



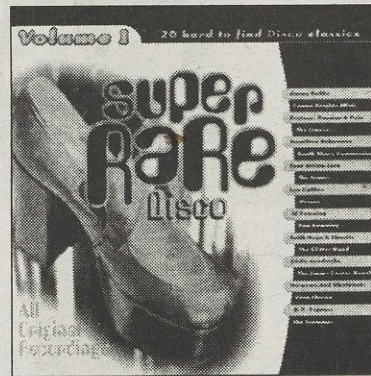
lective Soul were she was a good warm-up, and her release "Strangest Places" allows a in-depth look at the new artist. The alternative songstress has a distinctive, seductive voice that comes dirty and clean at the same time. The lead single "Four Leaf Clover" is melodic (definite air-play). The 'did I leave my undies in your bed title cut "Strangest Places" has that morning after blues appeal. The melodic "Happiness" pushes you down the corridor to the guitar swirls of "Never Believe You Now". The surreal "Say it like That" rivets the rhythm in your cerebral as the 'ooh la lay' takes your breath away. *Strangest Places* is an enjoyable alternative-pop album on Arista Austin Records.

—Charles Turner

## Recall

Super Rare Disco Vols. I - II  
Various, Robbins Records

Let's go back to the glitter ball and pull 40 shiny reflective stones from different sides of the bouncing ball. Super Rare Disco Vol. I are 20 hard to find disco classics that take us back to the Crown Heights Affair's "Dreaming A Dream", The Joneses "Sugar Pie Guy", Bohannon's "Foot Stompin Music", the South Shore Commission's "Free Man", and Al Downing's "I'll Be Holding On" adds to the works of The



Glitter Band, Eddie Kendricks, The Jimmy Castor Bunch, B.T. Express, and The Tramps to create a musical look into the past. There's more than enough wax to keep the ball spinning and the platforms tappin, holding the floor until the arrival of Super Rare Disco, Vol. II which spins the disco beats of Bohannon's "Let's Start The

## Live Event

From my pen to your ears, via the lips comes the information of the "Circle" show. A night of Diane Patterson, Natalie Cortez, Kelly Conway, Laura (Lovin By the Rules) Bowly, Amy Simpson, Alice Stuart, and special guests Zoe Lewis and her rubber band — Kate Wolf and Sylvie Richard (Lewis being our focus of topic) at The Fox and Goose Public House the 24th of January at 8:00pm at 10th and R Street in Sacramento (\$3.00 cover). Lewis the happy camper will bring that "Full of Far-away" a little closer. Whether you sing along with the antics of "Caroline" or enjoy that boogie woogie bugle boy of company B sound of "Tap Dancing". Lewis goes low on "Let's Get Poetic" and slows the heartbeat in real time with "Two Steps To Heaven". Let's see, she's self produced, wrote all the songs, and handles: vocals, guitar, piano, baby accordion, percussion, harmonica, and other odds and ends. Zoe Lewis (world traveler) has been imported for some five years now, and her performances on the street or in the club usually represent the musical influences of the last island she visited. Her stops in Asia, Africa, South and Central America, and yes...San Francisco is reflected in her music. Zoe Lewis and her Rubber Band also have "Soup Kitchen Swing" and "Little Piece Of Sky" available on CD. So go see the show cause the price is right and she's not "Too Far Away".

—Charles Turner



ZOE LEWIS  
and her Rubber Band

Dance", Jerry Knights "Overnight Sensation", girlfriend Linda Clifford sings "If My Friends Could See Me Now". The Hues Corporation's "I Caught Your Act", and the Crown Heights Affair "Every Beat Of My Heart" highlights this 20 track album. Super Rare Disco Vols. I & II is as safe as sex with a condom.

—Charles Turner

## Local Hero

Robert Earl Keen, *Picnic*, Arista Austin

When I think country, I think "I Only Miss You When Your Gone" and "There's a Tear in My Beer". Well pard there's a new sheriff in town that goes by Robert Earl Keen. With several gig bags strapped to his side, electric, acoustic, and steel are his weapons of choice, it's a cowboy with a beat. *Picnic* on Arista Austin is a easy listening down home look at life accompanied by some new country. True story: (Willie Nelson's 1974 fourth of July pic-

nic is where Keen's car "spontaneously combusted" - see cover photo.) "Undone" tells a tragic American fable leading down the path "Over the Waterfall", an Adult Alternative oasis. Keen spins a beautiful yarn in "I Wonder Where My Baby Is Tonight". Do I



hear a whisper of R.E.M. on "Oh Rosie", maybe it's me. Call it new country, or call it adult alternative, it's easy listening with a twang, a cowboy boot tappin good time.

—Charles Turner

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# TOP TEN RESOLUTIONS FOR 1998

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The number one goal/resolution for the New Year is for improved health and getting into better shape. This appears to be a trend over the last few years as more people become concerned about overall health and fitness including better nutrition and exercise.

2

The number two goal/resolution for the New Year is to loose weight. This has been one of the top ten for years. For some people it is an ongoing goal, just look at all the diet advertising. For many it's because people tend to put on extra pounds over the holidays.

3

The number three goal/resolution for the New Year is to begin a new relationship or improve upon an existing one. Love has been a goal for young and old since recorded time. Maybe 1998 holds romance instore for you or someone you know.

4

The number four goal/resolution for the New Year is to start a savings account or other investment to be able to save money for some other goal, such as the purchase of a home, property or planning for future retirement income. A goal more important to the middle-aged.

5

The number five goal/resolution for the New Year is to pay off debts or get out of debt. This may be a result of all the spending during the holidays. It may also be in part to the hope of a tax refund that can be used to pay debts.

6

The number six goal/resolution for the New Year is to win the lottery. Possibly more of a dream than a goal as very small percentage of people win lotterys and contests. At least you can always hope you are the one, after all someone has to win why not you.

7

The number seven goal/resolution for the New Year is to find a better job. The grass may indeed be greener. A least many people seem to think so and would like to find a new job where they receive better pay or just a job that they can enjoy more.

8

The number eight goal/resolution for the New Year is to quit smoking. In past years this has been of more importance. Is it possible less people are smoking or that many of those who wanted to quit in the past have done so. New laws have made smoking an inconvenience.

9

The number nine goal/resolution for the New Year is to complete a project or other unfinished business from previous year(s). For some people this is just taking the steps to actually begin that long planned project that you never seemed to have the time for.

10

The number ten goal/resolution for the New Year is to futher ones education. Going back to school or learning new skills that will improve income or position at work. Career advancement is a very practical goal and often one that is easier to achieve than losing weight.



# Reflections

## Looking Back — Looking Ahead

At the beginning of the New Year many people either set goals for the upcoming year or make resolutions for change. These New Year's resolutions whether true plans and desires for change or just tradition are based on the recognition that we can bring something new and perhaps better for the months and years ahead.

Most of these are personal in nature having to do with changing ones person, changes in the home or job, or changes in personal finances. (See the top ten goals/resolutions of Californians for 1998 on page 12) Most people want their lives to improve in one aspect or another even if they don't set goals or make resolutions to do so. Often times change comes about unexpectedly, sometimes do to job transfer, promotion or termination, and other times because of some family tragedy, illness, relationships ending or unfortunately death. One aspect of nature is change. One aspect of human nature is to resist change.

By looking back at the past year or years we gain perspective to our lives and can set goals and make resolutions for the changes we would like to see in our lives. An example of perspective is in how men and women differ in the way they look at health and fitness. Most men look at fitness as getting healthier and into better shape where as most women look at exercise and fitness as losing weight. Interestingly overall as a population people in the United States have become more concerned with better health and pay more attention to what we eat now than any other time in history. Is it any great surprise that the top resolutions for the new year deal with health. The importance of work and the perspective people have of their job and their work place impact their mental health as well.

Looking back at our lives as a means of making change or gaining perspective is only one of the reasons for looking back. By reflecting on our past we remember loved ones who have past away and friends, family and lovers who we have not seen recently, these memories keep those who have meant something to us alive. For all of these reasons it is important to look back as well as ahead.

As we reflect on our lives and how we choose to make changes that will impact our future it is important that we do not lose our perspective. Set short term and long term goals. For example, if you want to loose 20 pounds think of it in 5 pound increments. When you attain each short term goal take pride in what you have accomplished, recognize the efforts you have made, and don't be to fast to give up if you don't reach your goals immediately, persistence can and does pay off.

Dreams are important also but can be confused with goals. Dreams are many times a motivation in forming goals and some dreams can come true through hard work, ingenuity, and commitment.

Now, if you are one of those who dreams of winning the California Lottery or Publishers Clearing House, hitting it big on the slots or winning at Indian Bingo, well... Good Luck. ▼

—MGW/Staff

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"Whosoever," an Online Magazine For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Christians can help. In the Jan/Feb 1998 issue, "Whosoever" offers a course in Spiritual Self Defense for GLBT Christians. Nine authors, including Integrity founder, Louie Crew, offer their best advice on how to defend the hope that is within every Christian, whether gay, straight, bisexual or transgendered.

Though each author has their own way of dealing constructively with persecution, the underlying theme of every essay is that we, as GLBT Christians, must speak the truth in love. We must be up front about our faith, quick to defend our hope in God, and slow to become angry with or frightened by our detractors.

"Whosoever" helps GLBT Christians defend their faith by addressing many issues including: preventing spiritual suicide; dealing with anger; dealing with fear; responding to biblical literalists; turning away wrath with a gentle answer; the true meaning of Christian love. Visit "Whosoever" at <http://www.whosoever.org>. ▼

## Winners in Sex Toy Contest

Good Vibrations, S. F.'s sex toy, book, and video store, announced the winners of its international "Sex Toys You Wish Existed" contest. First Prize (\$500) went to the designer of the "Wonder Pants." An excerpt from the artist's description: "Where average bicycling bottoms offer only padding, Wonder Pants provide a gel-like, two-lipped cradle, providing the rider with added incentive to pedal!" Second Prize (\$250) was awarded to the creator of the "Whipping Harness," and the Third Prize (\$100) was the inventor of the "Pin Wheel Tongue Vibe."

The contest was created to celebrate Good Vibrations' twentieth anniversary. Over 100 ideas were submitted and the presentations range from images scratched on napkins to elaborately crafted blueprints to 3D sculptured prototypes. The staff had a favorite pick: "Homo Domesticus," a simple line drawing of a man wearing nothing but an apron while washing the dishes. ▼

### Tidbits

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By Sonya Cox  
AIDS/HIV Editor

## Positive physicians remain silent...

Over the past decade, only one individual in the United States (a dentist) has transmitted HIV to his patients, according to official records of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Nonetheless, the public apparently remains concerned about HIV transmission from infected practitioners, despite the wealth of information indicating that such infections are highly uncommon given today's measures of disinfection and protection. The result is that medical professionals who are HIV positive continue to feel it's critical that their situation remains confidential. The Medical Expertise Retention Program says that, even though there is absolutely no medical justification, patients and hospitals by and large reject doctors when they find out they are HIV-positive. Hospital administrators perceive them to be a legal and public relations threat, and patients think it's an unnecessary added risk. ▼

## HIV transmission puzzles Denmark...

Danish health authorities are investigating what they believe could be the first-ever patient-to-patient transmission of HIV infection. The case involves a six-year-old girl who contracted HIV while being treated for leukemia at a hospital. The genetic fingerprint of the girl's virus is 97 percent similar to that of another HIV-positive child in the ward, so it's likely that the girl was infected by the other child. Authorities, however, still cannot determine how the virus was transmitted. All hospital procedures are reported to have been strictly followed, and infection via contaminated blood products has been ruled out. Hospital officials said transmission could possibly have occurred if one child bit the other during play, but no evidence of such an injury has been detected. ▼

## Swiss disagree with U.S. direction...

Swiss researchers are continuing to explore alternative avenues to controlling the spread of infectious diseases resulting from intravenous (IV) drug use, and a recent Washington Post commentary suggests that, like the Swiss, Americans should realize there is a middle ground between condoning drug use and their current policy of zero-tolerance. From 1994 to 1997, for example, a Swiss researcher managed an experiment in which 18 treatment centers across Switzerland offered 1,146 male and female addicts injections of heroin three times a day. This program reduced the rate of criminal activity among participants from 59 percent to 10 percent, while the rate of homelessness in the group dropped from 12 percent to near zero. Furthermore, HIV and hepatitis infections dropped significantly, and the annual death rate fell by 50 percent. The editor-

ial says America remains constricted by its zero-tolerance policy that has so far rejected such innovative approaches to the study of drugs. In the United States, injection drug addicts have become the single largest risk group in the spread of HIV and, according to the National Institutes of Health, the financial costs of untreated heroin addiction is \$20 billion annually. ▼

## Medicinal pot club in jeopardy...

Anxious marijuana buyers are panicking after the California Court of Appeals found a loophole in the year-old medicinal marijuana law, and ruled that the San Francisco buyers outlet can't continue because the organization doesn't meet the law's definition of a caregiver. The ban jeopardizes not only the San Francisco group, but about 20 others throughout the state. It goes into effect in mid-January unless the state Superior Court rules the club to be a caregiver. The initial announcement produced a mad rush for supplies of the drug, which relieves nausea caused by some of the toxic AIDS medications, and increases the appetite of people losing weight not only because of HIV disease, but due to cancer and other life-threatening conditions. Dennis Peron, owner of the club, says 5,000 people have photo ID cards to use the outlet, issued after verification of recommendations from their physicians that the drug could help them. State Attorney General Dan Lungren hailed the ruling as providing clear guidance on how agencies can implement the state's new marijuana law. The people of California, however, never voted to legalize pot. They voted for compassionate use of the drug by ill people in extreme circumstances. ▼

## Revamp for Italian AIDS programs...

The Italian government will now make grant applications anonymous in response to charges that their National Program for AIDS Research plays favorites. The revised program divides funding into four specific categories and lowers the maximum for basic general research from about half of overall funding to about 10 percent. Many researchers applaud the move. Others, however, say the changes in the review procedures, in which progress reports written by groups applying for continuing funding are withheld from reviewers, are impractical because the reports are "a crucial element in the refereeing process." ▼

## Homeless at increased risk from fleas and lice...

San Francisco researchers say the bacteria responsible for cat-scratch fever and trench fever are serious health threats to people whose immune systems are weakened by AIDS, most especially those who are homeless. A University of California study of 49 homeless people who had a recur-

ring infection called angiomatosis found that 26 of them were infected with a cat-scratch fever bacteria transmitted by fleas, and the other 23 were infected with a trench fever bacteria transmitted by body lice. Trench fever sickened thousands of troops confined to trenches in Europe during World War I, but was never seen in the United States until 10 cases of it were found among the homeless population of Seattle in 1992. About 22,000 cases of cat-scratch fever are transmitted to people with AIDS by their cats each year, with scratches resulting in infections that lead to fever and weakness. ▼

## British soldiers tested after sex spree...

Officials at an army base in Yorkshire, England, are offering HIV tests to soldiers after learning that two local women who had been "liberal with their affections" were HIV positive. Although the army declined to say how many soldiers had come in for medical advice or attention, one newspaper reported that the number stands at more than 100. ▼

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## Sacramento Bee Announces Scholarships for Journalism Students

The Sacramento Bee is now accepting applications for its media scholarships for minority students, and journalism scholarships for community college students.

Minority high school seniors and full-time college students living in the Sacramento metropolitan area are eligible for one of 1- scholarships ranging from \$1000 to \$5000.

Students who have completed at least 30 community college units by June 30, 1998, are eligible for one of four scholarships ranging from \$1000 to \$3000. The 30 units must be from Sierra, American River, Sacramento City or Cosumnes River colleges. Students must transfer to a four-year institution with a major in journalism.

Scholarship applications may be obtained by calling The Sacramento Bee at 916-321-1794, or picking up one at the Bee's front counter at 2100 Q Street. Applications are also available at area high schools and community college financial aid office, and are due March 13, 1998.

## Family Feuds

As the result of a class action lawsuit, New Jersey has lifted its ban on the joint adoption of children by gay and lesbian partners. This landmark decision makes New Jersey the first state in the country to give unmarried homosexual and heterosexual couples the same adoption privileges as married couples. However, critics have bristled most over the issue of lesbian and gay parenting.

Typical of a flurry of press releases from homophobic groups, the Family Research Council attacked New Jersey's adoption settlement as an immoral effort to "redefine the family". "What homosexual activists are calling a landmark victory in the battle for 'equal rights' amounts to a landmark defeat for the best interests of children," said FRC spokesperson Robert Knight. "Children are too vulnerable and too precious to be used as pawns in the promotion of a political agenda."

In covering the New Jersey adoption case, several "main-

stream" pundits simply parroted the FRC. Among the worst examples is an editorial cartoon from Universal Press Syndicate (Dec. 18), which has appeared in newspapers across the country.

Drawn by Pat Oliphant, the cartoon depicts an official representing the "New Jersey Department of Unisex Adoption." Sinister and imposing, the man is shown handing "Papers of Adoption" to a small, seemingly frightened child.

"I have good news and bad news," the man says. "The good news is, you've been adopted. The bad news is, your new mother's name is Bruce." In the corner of the cartoon a little bird adds: "And no, you don't have any say in the matter."

This unwittingly reveals an ignorance that sustains all homophobia. Too often, in the debate over issues like gay and lesbian adoption, media tends to confuse Expert Homophobes with Homosexual Expertise. ▼

## Group Fights Homophobia In Schools

Advocacy, education and support are the focus of the GLSEN GSAC, the Gay, Lesbian, Strait Education Network of Greater Sacramento. According to Co-Chair, Lynette Tanaka, the group's goal is to create a safe school environment in which every member of the community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation.

GLSEN GSAC will be an active part of LIFE Lobby's Youth Lobby Day on January 21, 1998, an activity which will encourage youth support of non-discrimination at the Capitol. GLSEN also hopes to encourage the formation of Gay Straight Alliances for students at local schools as well as to offer education and support for safe schools.

There are 16 chapters in California. To participate in the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday January 27, 1998 contact Lynette Tanaka at (916)456-4265. ▼



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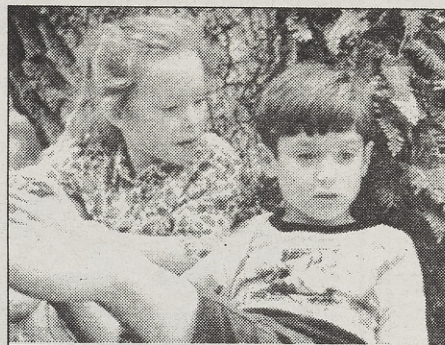
"Ever since you moved in, there are too many things in the salad!", shouted the adolescent boy to his mom's new partner in his frustration over all of the changes taking place. In other words, ever since you moved in, things are no longer like they once were. That's true for everybody in the blended family, the kids, the new partner, the parent. All have adjusting to do and each is likely, at times, to feel resentful about it.

As the children's biological parent, you may still be feeling conflicted or guilty over breaking up the family, struggling with co-parenting issues with your ex, and helping the children adjust to life in two homes. One day, you fall in love, and move in with your new partner, imagining the perfect life: you, partner and the kids, living happily ever after. But, life as we imagine it rarely happens. Allowing someone to co-parent with you, is a big step. Differing styles of discipline, coupled with that 'mama bear...nobody's gonna hurt my cubs' defensiveness can lead to big problems.

The biological parent often feels pulled by dual allegiances. There is the new partner to emotionally support and adjust to and there are the kids who are also adjusting and who may feel angry and resentful and resistant to change. Trying to make everyone happy is an impossibility and trying to take care of yourself in the midst of it all may seem like a lost dream. It may feel like there is never enough time. Your new partner may not be used to sharing your attention and the kids may feel resentful of the loss of your complete and undivided attention.

The new partner is likely to be struggling with all of these

changes as well. If the new partner is also a first time parent, the loss of the freedom to come and go, of personal space, privacy, and quiet, may feel overwhelming at times. Issues around parenting styles are likely to erupt. The new partner is put into a new role with little preparation and resistance for change from all sides. Having to deal with your partner's ex-



spouse may be an added issue, particularly if the ex is resentful about the role the new partner plays or has issues with the new lifestyle.

The kids may feel the least amount of control and therefore feel quite angry. Just because mom or dad has picked a new partner doesn't mean that person is the children's choice! If the children and the new partner don't get along, the whole household is likely to feel in turmoil and all relationships will feel the stress. Children may resent the new partner taking a parenting role and are likely to challenge the new partners authority. 'You're not my mom! You can't tell me what to do!' Seeing the children angry or hurt is often very painful for the parent and may cause some doubt as to the wisdom of the decision to blend your family. Giving up control and authority and sharing parenting decisions rarely comes easily. These may create addi-

tional problems when roles and lines of authority are not clear.

What is the new partners role? This is more complicated in the gay and lesbian community due to the lack of legal sanctioning of relationships and less clearly delineated roles. In same sex relationships, defining the new partner's role may feel more confusing to the children than in heterosexual relationships, where for better or for worse, the culture plays a part in defining roles.

In the next article we will look at tasks that all "step" families go through such as losses and change, establishing new traditions, creating a new parenting coalition, and adapting to continual shifts in household compositions. Change is hard but recognizing some of the steps toward creating a new family unit may help ease some of the tension and help validate the need for establishing new ways of doing things. ▼

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## New Vaccine May Block Breast Cancer Growth

A Vaccine that may block small tumors from turning into malignant breast cancer has been developed at the University of California, San Francisco.

The vaccine targets a protein found in breast cancer tumors before they become malignant.

In tests on mice, those injected with the vaccine developed anti-bodies and were less likely to develop cancerous tumors, said Dr. Laura Esserman, a breast cancer researcher and director of the USSF Breast Care Center.

Test results suggest the vaccine might prevent pre-malignant lesions from becoming invasive breast cancer in humans, said Esserman. ▼

## Gay Men Develop Their Sexual Identity

Cornell University professor of developmental psychology, Ritch Savin-Williams released information in his book *...And Then I Became Gay: Young Men's Stories* which suggests young men first become aware of their same sex attractions as early as age 3 and on average by age 8. His book analyzes the stories of 180 gay or bisexual men, ages 17 to 25 and their experiences and development of their sexual identity.

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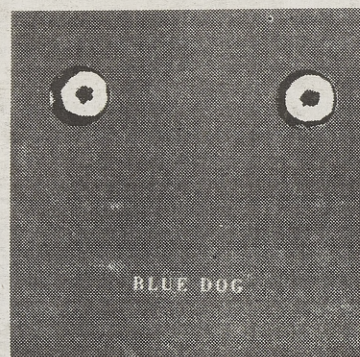
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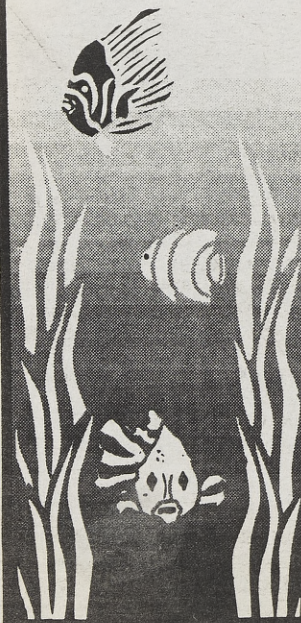
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## Gay & Lesbian Travel On Website

A new online world of gay & lesbian travel was launched at the 5th International Gay & Lesbian World Travel Expo. Developed as a "one-stop shopping" site, overtherainbow.com fulfills a growing need for accurate and current gay travel information resources.

"The community needs up to date information about safe and friendly destinations," said Mitch Petchenik of Remy Publishing, the site developer. "Over the Rainbow is by and for gay travelers world-wide. Most of our writers live in the cities they cover, so they can offer 'inside information' and advice not usually found by a travel writer who just breezes in for a weekend."

Petchenik added that beyond destination data, visitors to the site may access detailed maps, video city tours, weather reports, a currency converter-even driving instructions-which make the site far more comprehensive than any that gay web surfers may have experienced to date.

Additionally, Over the Rainbow provides a vast area for community interaction, where visitors can post travel announcements, check out the worldwide calendar of events, read tips for HIV+ travel, and link to other gay travel websites. Contests, surveys, special offers and exclusive discounts will be updated frequently to keep the site exciting.

"We are not new to gay travel online," said Petchenik. "We are responsible for the very popular gay travel area of PlantOut's site within America Online, where aol subscribers can find us as well with keyword OTR. The new website gives further access to the world's gay and lesbian community."

The overtherainbow.com site is about supporting the community too. One percent of all revenues from ad sales, etc. are donated to the AIDS/HIV Nightline, a volunteer-staffed overnight support line for people with HIV and their care givers. "We have developed this global site for reasons beyond just making money," said Petchenik. "We very much want to make a difference for the community." ▼

## Artist Turns Scrap into Alphabet Once an Entrepreneur, Always an Entrepreneur

Industrial artist Gretchen McMann is manufacturing alphabet letters using recycled metal from old elevators and scrap material usually destined for landfills. She has been intrigued by old marquee, wood and metal letters in various states of disrepair. "There is something about letters that is very mysterious, a certain history and weight behind them," says McMann while rooting around a scrap metal yard - completely at home in her environment. She pauses at a cast off capital M which reminds her of the Mary Tyler Moore Show.

The ACME Alphabet Company line of letters is offered in 3, 6 and 12 inch sizes, ranging from #8 to \$20. ACME also offers over 75 traditional and not so traditional signs, including: *Women, Men, Home, Bath, Garden, Cowgirls, Cowboys, Cocktails, Lesbian, Butch, Dyke, Fag, and Gay Pride*, priced from \$24 to \$29.

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Gretchen McMann owner of happy trails and Acme Alphabet Company

have established an oasis for shoppers and friends.

McMann is a 31-year old lesbian from Bakersfield; she attended California State University Bakersfield where she studied journalism, photography and art. She was editor of the campus newspaper and published her own 'zine called *Pearly Stone*. She opened Happy Trails in San Francisco in 1995 where she sells the complete Acme line as well as unique furniture and collectables. Customers enjoy the shop as it

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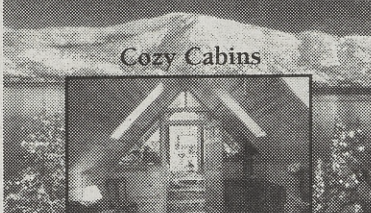
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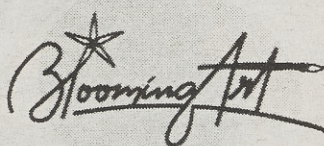
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# CALENDAR



EAGLES WALKING GROUP, 991-2420  
SACRAMENTO STAMP FAIR, Knights of Columbus Hall, 5961 Newman Court, 1-800-783-7589  
G/L SIERRANS BACKCOUNTRY SKIING, 668-0691

## 18 SUNDAY

FACES PRESENTS: Ladies Night, Karaoke in the Video Room, 448-7798  
WINTER PLANT SALE, SACRAMENTO AIDS FOUNDATION BENEFIT, 10am-4pm, 18th & W Streets, 446-5384  
JOSEPH'S SUNDAY BRUNCH, 1454 Del Paso Blvd, 9am, 922-8899  
LATE NIGHT FREE POOL, Club Mirage, 9pm to close  
SACRAMENTO STAMP FAIR, Knights of Columbus Hall, 5961 Newman Court, 1-800-783-7589  
LEATHER & LACE WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING, Open Book, 7:00pm

## 19 MONDAY

KARAOKE NIGHT, THE MIRAGE, 9pm-1am, 15 & F Street, 444-3238  
MEN'S COMING OUT SUPPORT GROUP, Lambda Comm. Center, 6pm, 442-0185  
WOMEN'S CHORUS, 6:30pm, 424-4411  
FRONTRUNNERS & WALKER, CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199

## 20 TUESDAY

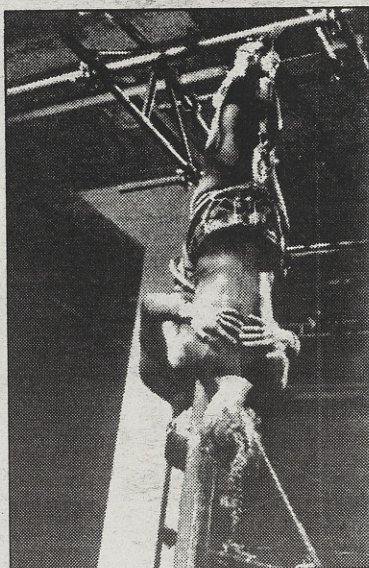
CAPITOL CITY SQUARES, Gay square dance club dance, 6:30-8:30pm Jefferson School, 2001 Peblewood, South Natomas, 929-8697  
POETRY READING CLUB MEETING, Open Book, 7:30pm

## 21 WEDNESDAY

WOMEN'S READING GROUP, Open Book, 7:00pm

## 22 THURSDAY

ACTOR'S THEATRE OF SACRAMENTO, Mass Appeal, 6:30pm, 1616 Del Paso Blvd., 484-3750  
ECLECTIC TRASH READING CLUB MEETING, Open Book 7:30pm  
DANCE, Streb/Ringside, Gymnastic art meets dance, 8pm Main Theatre, Davis



Streb/Ringside at UC Davis

## 23 FRIDAY

VERONA VILLAGE PRESENTS: Ladies Night, 9pm-2am, with DJ Joey, 448-7798  
DANCING WITH DJ JANIE, The Mirage, 9pm-2am  
CAPITAL CROSSROADS, general rodeo meeting, New/current members welcome, 7:30pm, New Joseph's, 1454 Del Paso Blvd.  
COUNTRY WESTERN DANCING, 7:30-10pm, Central United Methodist Socail Hall, 53rd and H, \$2.00, 492-2644  
WHERE EVIL DWELLS, An Evening with Tommy Turner, plus a selection of super-8 films and a new multimedia performance 8pm, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, \$6, 415-978-ARTS

### Christopher Parkening

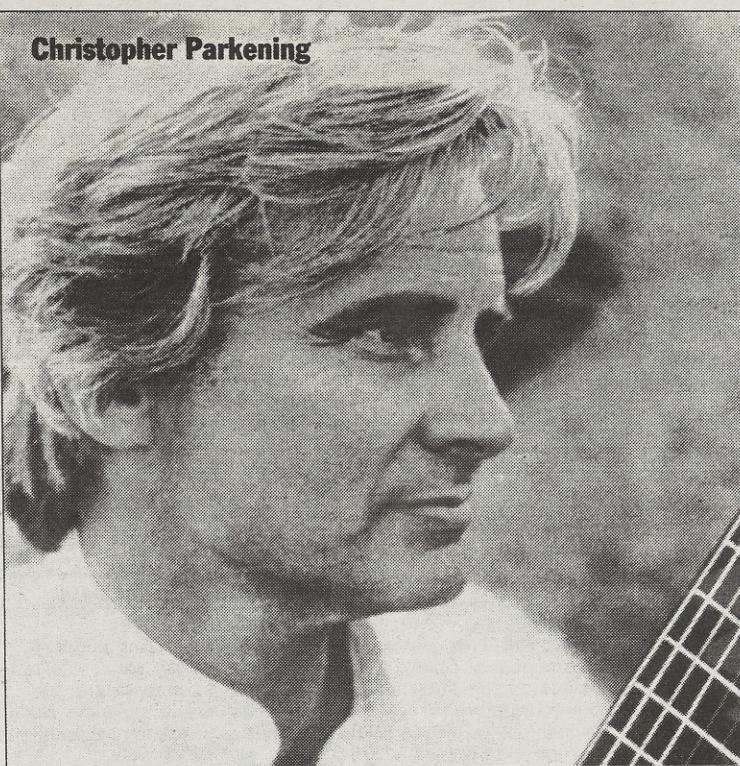


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## 24 SATURDAY

GAY LITERARY HERITAGE READING CLUB MEETING, Open Book, 10:00am  
CIRCLE: Featuring, Diane Patterson, natalie Cortez, Kelly Conway, Laura Bowly, Amy Simpson, Alice Stuart, Zoe Lewis and her rubber band; Fox & Goose Public House, 10th & R ST. 8:00pm, 443-8825  
ACTOR'S THEATRE OF SACRAMENTO, Mass Appeal, 8pm, 1616 Del Paso Blvd., 484-3750  
CLUB MIRAGE PRESENTS, Various JD's 9pm-2am  
MUSIC, Christopher Parkening, classical guitar, 8pm, Freeborn Hall, Davis  
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UC DAVIS ON STAGE, Women Who Speak the Truth, Dorothy Allison, author of Bastard Out of Carolina and Trash, 7:30pm, 1100 Social Services and Science Building, Women's Resource Center

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MUSIC, Kaila Flexer and Third Ear, Acoustic world music, 8pm, Varsity Theatre, Davis  
ACTOR'S THEATRE OF SACRAMENTO, Mass Appeal, 8pm, 1616 Del Paso Blvd., 484-3750  
MAKE YOUR MEETINGS WORK, A One Day, Hands-On Intensive Traing on Facilitation with Kevin Wolfe, 9am-4:30pm \$65 per person, students/low income \$25, Sacramento Tree Foundation, 201 Lathrop Way, Advance Registration Required 530-758-4211

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MUSIC, UC DAVIS, UCD Jazz Band, Mike McMullen, director, 12:05pm, Main Theatre  
ECLECTIC TRASH READING CLUB MEETING, Open Book 7:30pm

## MASTER CALENDAR

Gay Games Amsterdam, 1 - 8, 1998, ..... 361-2051  
A Hollywood Affair, March 23, 1998 ..... SAF, 448-2434, Ext 228  
Gay/Lesbian Days, Disney Orlando, ..... June 4-7, 1998  
Lambda Freedom Fair ..... June 13, 1998  
The Ledendary Gatsby Summer Gala, August 1998 ..... SAF, 448-2437, Ext 228  
Capitol AIDS Walk, September 1998 ..... SAF, 448-2437, Ext 228  
November 16, Anniversary of Domestic Partners Law in 1962  
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## THEATRE/DANCE/SYMPHONY

THE ACTING COMPANY, 815 B. St. Yuba City  
THE ACTOR'S WORKSHOP, 1616 Del Paso, 446-2622  
AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE THEATRE, The Miracle Worker, Feb 27-Mar 8, Torch Song Trilogy, Apr 24-May 3, 383-4476  
BERKELEY COMMUNITY THEATRE, Allston at Milvia Str., Berkeley, 415-433-6461  
THE B STREET THEATRE, 2711 B Str., 443-5300  
CHAUTAUQUA'S PLAYHOUSE: The Settler, Jan 16 - Feb. 21; The Miracle Worker, Mar. 6 - Apr. 11; Gaslight, Apr. 24 - May 30, 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael, 489-PLAY  
COSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, The Miser, Apr 24, Redwood Curtain, July 9, 8401 Center Parkway, 688-7364  
CREST THEATRE, The Race to Save 100 Years and Cat on a Hot Tin Roof January 16, 1031 K Str., 44-Crest  
CROCKER CONCERT SERIES, James Gentry, Operatic baritone, January 18; Dena Dorais, Viola, January 25; Hannah Mitchell, mezzo-soprano, February 1; Pacific Arts Woodwind Quintet, February 15; 264-5423  
CROCKER JAZZ SERIES, Peppino d'Agostino, guitar, January 15; Tony Windle, keyboards, February 19; 264-5423  
CSUS THEATRE, 278-6514  
DAVIS COMIC OPERA COMPANY, 758-5984  
GEERY THEATRE/LAMBDA PLAYERS, The Captive, Feb. 6 - March 7, The Sum Of Us, April 3 - 25, Finding, May 15 - June 6, 22nd & L, 448-9019  
NAPA VALLEY SYMPHONY 707-226-8742  
NEW CONSERVATORY THEATRE, Dirty Little Showtunes!, Nov 20-Jan 31, 8 pm, 25 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA, 415-552-5701  
OAKLAND BALLET, Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland, CA, 415-252-5900

RIVER STAGE, Consumes River College, 688-7364  
SACRAMENTO AREA REGIONAL THEATRE ALLIANCE, Acting Round Table, Jan 10, 10am, SARTA Library, 2120 Royale Rd, 925-3303  
SACRAMENTO MEN'S CHORUS, Bach to Bach, Mar 14, 8pm, Mar 15, 3pm, First United Methodist Church, 2100 J Str., Be-Bop and Bobby Sox, June 12-13, 8pm, June 14, 3pm, Musicians Union Hall, 1925 Del Paso Blvd.,  
SACRAMENTO OPERA COMPANY, Barber of Seville, Community Center, Nov 21-25, 264-5291  
SACRAMENTO THEATRE COMPANY, Oct 13-Feb 8, Hometown Heroes, Feb 17-Apr 26, Hamlet, Mar 24-Apr 19, The Roar of the Greasepaint - The Smell of the Crowd, May 5-31, A Christmas Carol, Dec 6-24, 1419 H Str., 443-6722, 888-4STCTIX  
SACRAMENTO BALLET, 552-5800  
SACRAMENTO CITY ACTOR'S THEATER, 3835 Freeport Blvd, 558-2228  
SACRAMENTO REPERTORY THEATRE, 5101 Lawrence Dr., 457-8827.  
THE PALMS IN DAVIS, John McCutcheon, Jan 13  
THEATRE RHINOCEROS, 2926 16th Str., San Francisco, CA, 415-861-5079  
UC DAVIS PRESENTS, Danny Hoch, Jan. 16, Main Theatre, Streb/Ringside, Jan. 22 & 23, Main Theatre, Tokyo String Quartet, Jan. 10, Freeborn Hall, Kaila Flexer & Third Ear, Jan. 30, Varsity Theatre, Christopher Parkening (Guitar), Jan. 24, Freeborn Hall, 752-1915 or 752-7117  
WOMEN'S PHILHARMONIC, Overture (1830), Feb 7, Brass With Class, Mar 7, Suite from the Ballet, May 2, Herbst Theater, 401 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco, CA 415-437-0123  
WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE, Steel Magnolias, Jan 30-Feb 21, 1998, West Side Story, Mar 20-Apr 11, 1998, The Sensuous Senator, May 15-Jun. 6, 1998

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